

## Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 18, 2008

5:06 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

**Present:** Vice-Chair: CM Heiner

**Members:** CW Green, CM Owen, CM Engel, CM Johnson and CM Benson

**Absent:** CW Ward-Pugh

Vice-Chair Heiner announced the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

### Pending Legislation

[R-140-08-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A LANE CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADE ALONG BARDSTOWN ROAD.](#)

**Status:** In-Committee

**Committee:** Transportation/Public Works

**Primary Sponsor:** Tom Owen

Motion to Approve made by Robin Engel and seconded by Judy Green.

**Discussion:** Jim McGovern, Mayor's Office, stated that this area is closer to Downtown where in the morning there are two lanes going in, one going out and in the afternoon there are two lanes going out, one going in. He stated that this causes confusion. This agreement is to study what needs to be done to upgrade the signal system in this area. The agreement states the maximum amount available to refurbish the system is \$150,000 and Metro is responsible for anything above that. It also states that Metro is responsible for removing the old system and putting in the new system. The Committee was concerned with the language in the agreement. CM Owen stated that he will talk to Ted Pullen of Public Works prior to the full Council voting on this issue to get clarification on the agreement.

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Judy Green, Hal Heiner, Robin Engel, Tom Owen, Stuart Benson, Dan Johnson

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: Tina Ward-Pugh

[R-27-02-08 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A PROPOSED CORRIDOR TO SERVE TRAFFIC FROM THE TUCKER STATION/BLANKENBAKER PARKWAY AREA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES AND TO CONNECT REHL ROAD WITH TAYLORSVILLE ROAD. \(THIS ITEM DIES IN COMMITTEE AS OF THIS MEETING\)](#)

**Status:** In Committee - Held

**Committee:** Transportation/Public Works

**Primary Sponsor:** Stuart Benson

**Discussion:** This item died in Committee.

### Special Items For Discussion

## LIGHT RAIL

CM Johnson spoke regarding this item. The following was discussed:

- Discussions began in the 1990s
- Energy prices increasing
- Need to have a fixed railway system
- Would like to have Barry Barker come to the next meeting to look into the old plans and see where they are at
- If no one is asking Congress for the money for it then will never get it
- Council should be the leaders
- Create jobs for those working on the system
- Bridges project
  - Need for both
- Need for more immediate efforts to help with rising fuel costs
- Top heavy with costs
- Rapidly changing technology
- Monorail

## UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT

Pat Johnson, Public Works, spoke to this item. The following was discussed:

- Council authorized matching funds to synchronize signal in suburban Louisville to match the system in the urban area
  - Still hoping that the state funding comes through, but have not heard anything yet
- State made available funds for a pilot project on Dixie Highway and Shelbyville Road
- Incorporation of the suburban state signals outside of the Urban Services District within the Metro signal system
- Discussions twofold
  - Expansion of the system
  - Maintenance of the signals on a countywide basis
- Working on an MOA with the State for maintenance
- Technology issues
  - Controller software
  - Central system software
  - Communications controller equipment
- State in process of deploying a more simplified signal system on a statewide basis
  - Automatically monitor and program signals at a district or state level
  - Wireless cellular routers
  - Will come to Louisville to demonstrate soon
    - Help to show compatibility issues and problems with incorporation of their signals into the City's system
- Re-timing of signals in pilot project areas
  - Two other routes added
    - Preston Highway
    - Outer Loop
  - Started data collection in the Spring
  - Four new timing plans
    - AM Peak
    - Midday Peak
    - PM Peak
    - Off
  - Focus is reduction in delays, fuel consumption and vehicle emissions
  - Plans have been implemented and are now being fine tuned
- Line of sight analysis for wirelessly talking with Downtown from the Suburbs
  - Focus on utilizing existing facilities
- On street communication
  - Connectivity between groups of signals
- Bicycles

Motion to Adjourn made by Judy Green.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

**\*NOTE: Legislation sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard by the Metro Council at the next meeting on August 28, 2008. Full discussion is available on audio by request of the Metro Council Clerk's Office (502) 574-3902.**

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